



## MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Outdoor Order of Worship

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Minute for Mission**

**Stewardship Moment**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Call to Worship**

God helps us accomplish life challenges,  
**And God listens when we worship and praise.**  
Jesus showed us how to be thankful,  
**And Jesus taught us to help others in need.**  
The Holy Spirit is right next to us this morning,  
**The mystery of the Spirit calls us together.**  
Let's worship God!

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Stan Williams

Tim Southard

Isaac Toney-Schmitt

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

**HERE I AM, LORD**

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send? *(to refrain)*

## Prayer of Confession

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Merciful God, you are our teacher. We set aside time to learn about you, but we do not always put what we learned into action. We believe that our mission is to help others and spread kindness, yet we turn away from those who are too different than us. We believe that Sunday is our time to focus on and worship you, but sometimes we sleep in and look ahead to the afternoon. We believe being a part of a faith community means that we are always supported, but we don't always extend that same support to others. Merciful God, forgive us. Fill us with your love so that we may follow you and take part in your Kingdom. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## Response

**"Glory to God"**

*Gloria Patri*

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory in the Highest,  
Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Alleluia, Alleluia

## Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

## Scripture

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." 49 He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

## Homily

*Confirming Your Questions*

**"Seek Ye First"**

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Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

**Presentation of Confirmands**  
(Sage Allen, Anna Barber, Sam Nelson, Nathan Peji)

Isaac Toney-Schmitt

**Affirmation of Faith** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

*After each petition, the Pastor will say, "...Lord, In Your Mercy,"*  
*Respond with "Hear Our Prayer."*

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

*Refrain*

Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land  
With the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord  
And let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me (*to refrain*)

**Leading Today's Worship Service**

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Pastor & Head of Staff

Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor of Faith Formation

Matthias Young, Director of Music

Ryan Sawyer, Organist Apprentice

## Announcements

Good morning. Grace, mercy, and peace in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, welcome to Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church. We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today as we celebrate the confirmation of 4 young people: Sam Nelson, Sage Allen, Anna Barber, and Nathan Peji.

A few brief announcements:

1. We ran out of slots for this service, which is a great thing. The next two outdoor services are also going to be special.
  - a. On Nov. 1: we will celebrate the Ordination and Installation of Isaac Toney-Schmitt. A socially distanced meal will follow this service.
  - b. On Nov. 15: we will celebrate Dedication Sunday as we conclude our Stewardship Campaign. You will hear more about the campaign from Tim Southard in just a few minutes.

Please remember to sign-up for this service on our website at the homepage.

2. A few notes about the Outdoor Services: if you have not worshipped in this manner with us we invite you to wear your masks at all times. We encourage you to say the prayers and responses within the bulletin, and we hope you will clap and participate in the service. That said, we are right now asking you to not sing during the service. We are trying to be responsible for ourselves and for each other while also wanting to worship as fully as possible. We hope you will respect and understand this request.
3. I would like to share a few prayer concerns: we lift up Elizabeth Small, Eleanor Brazell, and the family of Clarice Elder. I know some of you have asked about her memorial service. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic only family will be allowed in the sanctuary for this service. However, the family would welcome you to join us via livestream much like right now. The service will be Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm

And now I invite Stan Williams up for a Minute for Mission followed by Tim Southard to share more about our Stewardship Campaign.